# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

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LINKING OF INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES WITH MAIN SWITCHING CENTRE
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government propose to link the intelligence agencies with the main switching centre in each city or circle of the country as per the terms and conditions of the cellular telephone bids;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the cellular companies have agreed to comply with these terms and conditions;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the names of those companies which have not agreed; and

(f) the action taken by the Government against those companies?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (d): Licence Agreements have been drawn with different Cellular Mobile Telephone Service Providers. As per the Licence Agreements, all the licensees have agreed to provide necessary facilities to the designated authorities of the Central and State Government as conveyed by the Authority from time to time for interception of messages passing through their network in the interest of sovereignty and integrity of the State in accordance with Section 5(2) of the Indian Telegraph Act.

(e) & (f): Does not arise in view of above.